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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1 2 and 6 are independent.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,929,899).

Regarding claim 2, Takahashi et al. discloses a method of sequencing data in the memory of a solid-state image pickup device (Fig. 2). The method comprising the steps of dividing the data of a line of pixels into groups (red (R) pixels, green (G) pixels and blue (B) pixels) and sending the data to the memory (26), sending out all the pixels data belonging to a group (G first, in Fig. 3) after the memory has accumulated all the pixel data of the group and the data of all primary colors constituting each pixel arranged in a fixed sequence inside the memory (Fig. 3; col. 3, line 38 to col. 4, line 4).

Regarding claim 4, the primary colors include red, green and blue (col. 3, lines 62-67).

Regarding claim 5, according to Fig. 3, the claimed steps are met by Takahashi et al. since the storage spaces both before and after the secured primary color G address space is reserved (for B and R).

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4. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 1 and 6-8 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 3 would be allowable over Takahashi et al. because the step of dividing the data into groups of Takahashi et al. does not include forming a group by gathering all the odd-numbered pixel data, or gathering all the even-numbered pixel data. The group formed contains primary color data (G, B, or R).

Claim 1 is allowable over Takahashi et al. because, similar to the reason for claim 3, Takahashi et al. does not divide the data into a first group containing all the odd-numbered pixels data and a second group containing all the even-numbered pixel data.

Claim 6 is allowable over Takahashi et al. because Takahashi et al. does not divide the pixels from a scan line belonging to one primary color into groups, i.e., the G, B or R pixels from the scan line are not divided into groups as claimed.

Claims 7 and 8 depending on claim 6 are allowable for the reason given for claim 6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7407. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor (currently unknown) can be reached on (currently unknown). The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Cheukfan Lee
October 15, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheukfan Lee", is located in the bottom right corner of the page. The signature is stylized and cursive.